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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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 Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 16, 1990 in the above-identified application, which action was a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C.

§ 121. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to that Office Action for one month up to and including September 16, 1990 and have paid the required fee [37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), 1.17].

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, insert before the first line, the sentence -- This is a division of application 496,915, filed on May 23, 1983 (U.S. Patent Number 4,711,955) --

IN THE CLAIMS

142. (Twice Amended) The method of [diagnosing] claim 125 wherein said sample is suspected of containing a nucleic acid sequence which codes for expression of a polypeptide diagnostic for a tumor cell [which comprises a polynucleotide specific thereto which comprises disrupting said cell

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